

**AMENDMENT**

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

- 1-10. (Canceled)
11. (Withdrawn) An immunogenic composition for inducing in a feline host an immunological response against feline immunodeficiency virus comprising at least one plasmid that contains and expresses *in vivo* in a feline host cell nucleic acid molecule(s) having sequence(s) encoding feline immunodeficiency virus env protein, or gag protein, or pro protein, or gag and pro proteins, or env and gag and pro proteins.
12. (Withdrawn) The immunogenic composition according to claim 11 which comprises a plasmid that contains and expresses *in vivo* in a feline host cell nucleic acid molecule(s) having sequence(s) encoding feline immunodeficiency virus env and gag and pro proteins.
13. (Withdrawn) The immunogenic composition according to claim 11 which comprises a first plasmid that contains and expresses *in vivo* in a feline host cell a nucleic acid molecule having a sequence encoding feline immunodeficiency virus env protein; and a second plasmid that contains and expresses *in vivo* in a feline host cell nucleic acid molecule(s) having sequence(s) encoding feline immunodeficiency virus gag and pro proteins.
14. (Withdrawn) The immunogenic composition of claim 11 wherein the plasmid further comprises a cytomeglovirus early (CMV-IE) promoter operatively linked to at least one of the nucleic acid molecule(s).
15. (Withdrawn) The immunogenic composition of claim 11 further comprising a live whole vaccine against a feline pathogen, or an inactivated whole vaccine against a feline pathogen, or recombinant vaccine against a feline pathogen, or a subunit vaccine against a feline pathogen.

16. (Withdrawn) A kit comprising (i) an immunogenic composition according to claim 11, and (ii) a feline vaccine selected from the group consisting of a live whole vaccine, an inactivated whole vaccine, a subunit vaccine, and recombinant vaccine.

17. (Withdrawn) A plasmid that contains and expresses *in vivo* in a feline host cell nucleic acid molecule(s) having sequence(s) encoding feline immunodeficiency virus env protein, or gag protein, or pro protein, or gag and pro proteins, or env and gag and pro proteins.

18. (Withdrawn) The plasmid according to claim 17 which contains and expresses *in vivo* in a feline host cell nucleic acid molecule(s) having sequence(s) encoding feline immunodeficiency virus env and gag and pro proteins.

19. (Withdrawn) The plasmid according to claim 17 which contains and expresses *in vivo* in a feline host cell a nucleic acid molecule having a sequence encoding feline immunodeficiency virus env protein.

20. (Withdrawn) The plasmid according to claim 17 which contains and expresses *in vivo* in a feline host cell nucleic acid molecule(s) having sequence(s) encoding feline immunodeficiency virus gag and pro proteins.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for inducing in a feline host an immunological response against feline immunodeficiency virus comprising administering to the feline host at least one plasmid ~~that~~ wherein the plasmid contains and expresses *in vivo* in a feline host cell nucleic acid molecule(s) having sequence(s) encoding feline immunodeficiency virus env protein, or gag protein, or pro protein, or gag and pro proteins, or env and gag and pro proteins.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21 which comprises administering to the feline host a plasmid ~~that~~ wherein the plasmid contains and expresses *in vivo* in a feline host cell nucleic acid molecule(s) having sequence(s) encoding feline immunodeficiency virus env and gag and pro proteins.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21 which comprises administering to the feline host a first plasmid ~~that~~ wherein the first plasmid contains and expresses *in vivo* in a feline host cell a nucleic acid molecule having a sequence encoding feline immunodeficiency virus env protein; and a second plasmid ~~that~~ wherein the second plasmid contains and expresses *in vivo* in a feline host cell nucleic acid molecule(s) having sequence(s) encoding feline immunodeficiency virus gag and pro proteins.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein the plasmid further comprises a ~~cytomeglovirus~~ cytomegalovirus early (CMV-IE) promoter operatively linked to at least one of the nucleic acid molecule(s).

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 further comprising administering to the feline host a live whole vaccine against a feline pathogen, or an inactivated whole vaccine against a feline pathogen, or recombinant vaccine against a feline pathogen, or a subunit vaccine against a feline pathogen.